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Crude Oil Delivered During March 1952

1. Following is a summary of available estimates on the crude oil output of SNV fields during the month of March 1952. These figures represent the amount of crude oil pumped from SNV oil fields and do not indicate actual well production:

<u>SNV Field</u>	<u>Number of Tons of Crude Oil Delivered During March</u>
Matzen	131,600
Aderklaa	25,730
Muehlberg	24,180
DEA I, DEA II, and ITAG	12,710
Van Sickle	2,600 to 2,800
EPG	2,700 to 3,000
RAG	10,000 to 12,000

Matzen

2. As of 23 April 1952 a total of 101 wells have been drilled in the Matzen area. Of this number there are 96 producing wells: 92 are eruptive and four are being pumped. The Soviets expect to have 36 new wells in operation by the end of 1952 and to increase the Matzen yield from its present rate of 4,500 tons per 24-hour period to at least 6,600 tons. The Matzen production norm has been set at 1,800,000 tons for the year 1952. Ninety-five percent of the total Matzen production is delivered from what is described as the sixteenth Torton level. The remaining five percent is delivered from the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth Torton levels. With the exception of two pumped wells which produce paraffin oil, all Matzen wells yield asphalt oil.

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3. To separate the water from oil produced at these wells, the crude oil is first allowed to remain in settling tanks for a certain length of time. The water content is further reduced by a heat process and by the use of dismulgan, a soapy liquid which increases water precipitation. A dismulgan installation now under construction at Bockfliess is scheduled to be completed in the near future. SMV employees state that the mixture of crude oil and water produced from Matzen wells is not an emulsion, hence water disposal at this field presents no particular problem for the Soviets.

Fischamend

4. According to available information, the Soviets are disappointed in the results of test drillings in Fischamend, there being as yet no producing wells in this area.

Eastward Rail Shipments of Crude Oil

5. Following is a list of crude oil shipments despatched from the Matzen railroad station to the USSR and the satellites during March 1952:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Tons of Crude Oil Exported During March</u>
Dziedzice, Poland	7,088
Kolin, Czechoslovakia	1,541
Pardubice, Czechoslovakia	1,658
Moravska Ostrava, Czechoslovakia	408
Mukachevo, USSR*	2,716

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25X1 * Comment: In [] it was reported that after 15 January 1952 all rail shipments of Matzen crude oil destined for the USSR would be forwarded from the Wifo-Lobau tankfarm. However, the Soviets apparently are still despatching occasional shipments to Mukachevo from the Matzen railroad station.